

Overseas Humanitarian, Disaster and Civic Aid Appropriation (OHDACA)

- Budget authority:
 - FY 2004: \$58.7 million + Emergency Supplemental Iraq/Afghanistan: \$35.5 million.
 - FY 2005: \$175.8 million: \$58.9M + \$95.0M reprogrammed for tsunami relief + \$22.0M from Emergency Supplemental (P.L. 109-13).
 - FY 2006: \$60.8 million (to support Pakistan Earthquake); reprogramming of \$60M on Hill
 - FY 2007: \$63.2 million requested in Presidents Budget, February 2006
- Funds humanitarian programs that support Secretary Rumsfeld's statement *"Every effort we take demonstrate the depth of America's compassion and generosity is an important step in the global on terror."*
 - Humanitarian Assistance (*non-lethal excess property; medical visits, minor construction; repair of roads, schools, clinics, well digging, disaster preparedness*).
 - Foreign Disaster Relief and Emergency Response (*logistics, airlift, search & rescue, Humanitarian Daily Rations, plastic sheeting, tents, water; capacity building*).
 - Humanitarian Mine Action (*the Humanitarian Demining Training Center (HDTC) at Fort Leonard Wood, MO; funds OCONUS deployments for demining and clearance training for other explosive remnants of war (ERW), mine risk education and awareness, medical, safety, organizational management*).
- Programs support SECDEF and Combatant Commanders' security cooperation strategies to build indigenous capabilities and cooperative relationships with allies, friends, civil society, and potential partners.
 - Low cost, non-obtrusive; helps partners help themselves.
 - Improves access to areas not otherwise available to U.S. forces.
 - Provides significant training and readiness benefits.
 - Enhances deployment and war fighting skills.
- Enables rapid response to disasters in Commanders' AOR.
- Supports United States defense strategy for sustaining regionally-tailored, forward stationed and deployed forces:
 - Assures allies and friendly nations through low-level contacts where other programs may not be feasible or viable and,
 - Dissuades would be adversaries – by promoting peace and stability in regions of tension or post-conflict.
- Congressional authority to conduct programs are embedded in the following sections of Title 10 United States Code: 401, 402, 404, 2557, and 2561, and in the FY 2006 Defense Appropriations Act, P.L. 109-148, section 8009.